



May be a good name for Chicago, but for breezy articles on the National Democratic Convention now in session there read THE JOURNAL.

SENATOR DANIEL CHOSEN FOR TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Senator Hill Beaten in the Chicago Convention by a Vote of 556 to 349.

He Bears His Defeat With His Usual Characteristic Impassiveness.

Silver Men Swept Aside Opposition and Easily Captured the Convention.

Democratic National Committee Overruled Notwithstanding Efforts of the Gold Men.

Strong Speeches Delivered by Supporters of Hill Wasted on the 16 to 1 Tidal Wave.

MISSISS GREETED WALLER'S WORDS.

Cancellation Impossible, Apparently, and the Chasm Between the East and the West Wider Than Ever.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 7.—The majesty of the silver power in the United States asserted itself in the Chicago Convention to-day. This assemblage of the National Democracy was rent in twain on the issue of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1.

The Convention consisted of 906 delegates, of which 556 recorded themselves on the side of the minority nominee of the Democratic National Committee temporary chairman, Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, and 349 stood by Senator David B. Hill, of New York, the regular candidate of the committee and its majority. The result stamps the Convention and the party as the free silver organs of the land. The disaffected Republicans, who separated from their old affiliations at St. Louis, will have to join with the men in convention assembled here. The Populists receive no consideration whatever and will be allowed to flock alone, to run their own candidates in their own way and at their own expense.

Ready for the Opening.

After the Columbian World's Fair, the Chicago Coliseum is the largest idea that the metropolis of the lakes has evolved; its length, breadth and thickness are enormous, and its seating capacity is so great that, although less than three-quarters of its floor space is utilized for this convention, there has been found place for 14,000 people, seated in comfortable chairs.

The arrangement of the delegates, alternates, invited guests and spectators, and especially for the press, were admirable. Everybody could hear and see the speakers upon the platform, the reading clerk and the presiding officer. No unwise extravagance in bunting or flags was indulged in, but everything that contributed to the acoustic properties of the vast hall had been utilized, and a speaker whose diction was clear could be heard on the seats furthest from the platform.

The hour was 12. More promptly than usual delegates, alternates and the general public had gathered in the hall, and at noon everybody was in his seat anxious for the words of Chairman Harritt that would announce the opening of the most interesting political assembly since 1890.

The New York delegation was unfavorably placed for dramatic effect, but, as at the St. Louis convention, it was destined to play so unimportant a part in the general performance that no reason existed why it should have special prominence. It was located centrally, though far back along the rows of seats, and as its seventy-two representatives took their places space at the head of the first tier was left vacant for the distinguished men yet to come. Mr. Whitney had been substituted for Comptroller Fitch, and Senator Jacob Cantor served as a delegate-at-large in the place of Senator Murphy, whose absence, because of serious illness, was much lamented.

Naturally, the New York representatives demanded most attention. A glance revealed the tall and commanding figure of John D. Crimmins, dressed in deep black, standing erect and calm by the side of former Mayor Hugh J. Grant. De Laconey Nicoll, arrayed in a brown suit of faultless cut, was near the ponderous and genial Purroy, contrasting with Mr. Nicoll, the thick and thin of city life. Former Mayor Gilroy, always self-possessed and ready, was chatting with Dan Lockwood, the habitual nominator of President Cleveland. There, too, was the long-haired and popular William Sulzer, the blue-eyed Billy

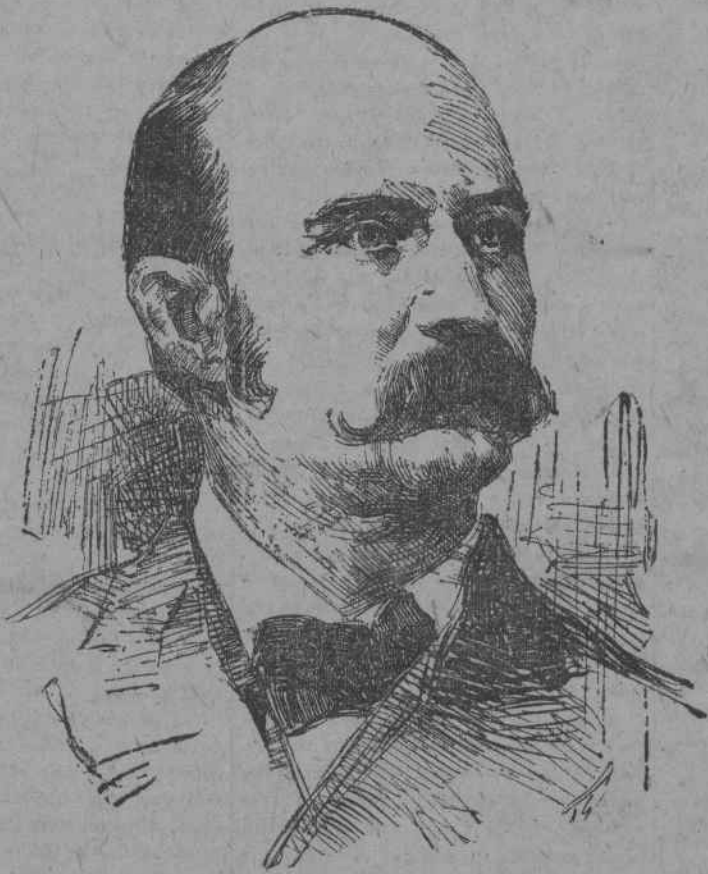
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This sounds absurd, but you will find that many very intelligent people are pursuing a new scheme if you read next Sunday's JOURNAL.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERS.

Senator Hill, Senator Daniel, Ex-Governor Flower, Senator White and Governor Altgeld Tell the Journal How the Battle Went Yesterday.



PRECEDENTS OVERTURNED.

Senator Hill Characterizes His Rejection by the Silver Men as Unnecessary and Foolish.

BY DAVID B. HILL.

Chicago, July 7, 1896.

The proceedings of the Democratic National Convention opened to-day by the overturning of precedents, a course egged on by extreme silver monometalists.

It was an unnecessary and foolish procedure.

They did not wish to hear a discussion of the other side.

Courtesy, common fairness and a decent regard for the traditions of the party should have dictated another course.

The result neither helps nor hurts the question of platform or the selection of the candidate.

Neither the New York delegates nor myself cared anything specially about the temporary chairmanship. The National Committee had the power to select a presiding officer, and it could not well abdicate its functions in the face of a threatening extreme silver opposition.

Every inch of ground will be contested by the three hundred earnest Democrats who are trying to save the party from threatened disaster.

We shall insist upon a proper platform and upon acceptable candidates.

We may be beaten, but there will be no humiliating surrender.

Sheehan, Amos J. Cummings, Thomas F. Grady and young George B. McClellan.

No Cheer for Whitney.

Mr. Whitney, who has played the part of the Sphinx from start to now, entered with Smith M. Weed and the ponderous Bissell, all passing to their places without recognition or a cheer. No disfavor was felt for these gentlemen, but the fact was patent that their faces were not familiar.

There was a hush throughout the Coliseum. It was evident that something was about to happen. Senator Hill was not in his place, and until he came the aggregation would not be complete. At 12:20 Chairman Hinkley, former Governor Flower and Perry Belmont, with all his gold reserve about him, escorted Senator Hill down the aisle. The Senator's face was recognized at once and the reception he received was enough to gladden the heart of the most blase politician. The popular New Yorker paid no attention to the cheers that greeted him. He was as modest as a girl and affected to believe that former Governor Flower was the favored one of the group.

Hardly had Mr. Hill been seated at the side of Mr. Whitney before delegates from all parts of the hall crowded around him to pay their respects and in many cases to explain their antagonism to him to-day. A diversion arose a moment later, when Joe Blackburn, gotten up as if he were best man at a wedding party, came upon the scene and received a Blue Grass cheer that was as hearty as anything heard during the day. Colonel Fellows and Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, both of Southern blood, but of diverse opinion, entered the aisle together, but without mutual recognition, and passed to different parts of the hall. Then came to the Pennsylvania section the famous Curley twins, of Philadelphia, both distinguished, one in political life and the other in the legal profession. Meanwhile the eccentric O'Sullivan, of Massachusetts, with his gray felt cowboy hat, had seated himself beside Senator Hill



SILVER WARRIORS IN EARNEST

Senator John W. Daniel, the Man Who Beat Hill, Interprets the Meaning of His Victory.

BY JOHN W. DANIEL.

Chicago, July 7.

To W. R. Hearst, the Journal, New York:

The day's proceedings show that the silver men are in dead earnest and intend to gather the fruits of the victory they have won. They believe in frank speech and direct, honest action, and will have them.

JOHN W. DANIEL,

United States Senator from Virginia, and Temporary Chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

BLAND AND FREE SILVER WITH A RUSH.

BY WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN, EX-LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

Chicago, July 7.—There is every prospect to-night that the convention will be over to-morrow after Richard P. Bland has been nominated for President and a platform declaring for the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 adopted. The convention might be prolonged and a concession to the Eastern men might be obtained were it not so difficult to control that large proportion of a convention, or of the minority of a convention, which desires to attach itself to the presumptive winner. When a candidate for a Presidential nomination secures a distinct lead, such as Mr. Bland has to-day, he has a great advantage, and experience proves that it is usually useless to attempt to stem the tide which sets in his direction.

The vote to-day was eminently gratifying to the gold men, and the action of the National Committee was largely responsible for this result. To-day's vote on temporary chairman was a fair test, though not an accurate one. From Mr. Hill's vote must be deducted, perhaps, twelve ballots which were cast for him by South Dakota and West Virginia delegates and his successful opponent, Senator Daniel. The indications are that a majority of the convention will expedite the work as much as possible. Had the contest over the temporary chairmanship not been so long the convention would have re-assembled at 8 o'clock to-night for the purpose of continuing the work. It was not until after 3 o'clock this afternoon that that plan was abandoned.

In my judgment there will be no effort on the part of the convention to unsettle the Michigan contest. I should imagine that the vote of the silver men in the National Committee on this point was fairly representative of the prevailing sentiment in the ranks of the free silver advocates.

SENATOR HILL WILL SPEAK FOR GOLD.

BY ROSWELL P. FLOWER, EX-GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.

Chicago, July 7.—Free silver has won. They dare not let Senator Hill make a speech to this convention. But he will make one, depend on that. We are beaten, as we expected to be, on the temporary organization, but Dave Hill will make a speech before this convention votes on the platform.

FREE SILVER WILL ASSERT ITS RIGHTS.

BY GOVERNOR JOHN P. ALTGELD, OF ILLINOIS.

Chicago, July 7.—Silver is in control. It will assert its rights throughout the convention, as it has done this morning. It establishes the Democratic principle that the majority shall rule.

HILL STRONGER THAN THE GOLD CAUSE.

BY SENATOR STEPHEN M. WHITE, OF CALIFORNIA, PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Chicago, July 7.—The convention is for silver, unequivocally. But silver did not poll its strongest vote by any means. Hill is stronger than gold by a great deal, and it took lots of persuasion to keep the Bourbons in line against him.

GOLD'S STRONGEST VOTE HAS BEEN CAST.

BY EX-GOVERNOR THOMAS WALLER, OF CONNECTICUT.

Chicago, July 7.—Sound money has received the strongest vote it will get during the convention. The silver men are ruling without the slightest reason, and if the Democrats of the East acquiesce, or go fishing in November, the silver men will carry the country in the same manner.

BLAND ALMOST A CERTAINTY ON A 16 TO 1 PLATFORM.

That Is To Be the Programme at Chicago To-Day.

Empire State Men May Walk Out of the Convention in a Body.

Senator Hill's Plan Adopted at a Secret Conference of all the Leaders.

But the Delegation Is Divided into Three Factions, with One of Three Courses to Follow.

Policy of Unanimous Inactivity Likely to Be the One That Will Be Pursued by the Gold Democrats.

STIRRING TIMES IN PROSPECT.

Deep Interest in the Outcome of the Movement of the New Yorkers and Their Action in the Convention Hall.

Journal Convention Headquarters, Palmer House, Chicago, July 7.—At a late hour to-night a prominent leader of the New York delegation admitted that Richard P. Bland would be nominated for the Presidency to-morrow, and that a platform favoring free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 would be adopted.

The New York leaders at an informal conference to-night, at which were present ex-Governor Flower, Senator Hill, William C. Whitney, William F. Sheehan, John C. Sheehan, Senator Cantor and Judge R. Coudert, decided to postpone until to-morrow. While no absolute agreement was reached by the leaders, there seems to be little doubt that the New York delegation, while not bolting, will take no active part in the convention's proceedings. It was decided that during the convention to-morrow the New York delegation would request leave to withdraw for the purpose of having a consultation. At this meeting the delegation will make up its mind as to what it wishes to do.

At to-night's meeting three distinct motions made themselves apparent. One meant favor a bolt from the convention to-morrow after the free silver platform was adopted. Ex-Postmaster-General Wilson Bissell is credited with originating this motion to secure such a bolt. Mr. Bissell only arrived here a few hours before yesterday and has steadfastly declined to express public opinion on the situation, but it is an open secret that he has consulted with Messrs. Hill, Whitney, Coudert, and the Sheehans, and has decided that there was only one course for the New York Democrats to pursue, and that was to bolt. It is absolutely essential to the vindication of Democratic principles; that the adoption of a free silver platform would, by implication, be a denunciation of the Cleveland administration, which has had for its most conspicuous feature its efforts to maintain the gold standard by the issuance of bonds.

Mr. Bissell is reputed to have made every argument at his command to convince the New York leaders that a physical withdrawal from the convention would be necessary, and there seems to be no question that ex-Governor Flower and District Attorney Fellows recommended Mr. Bissell's movement. They were met with the objections of those who do not favor a bolt under any circumstances, and the remaining faction, which thinks that the State convention in the Fall should determine this vital question.

Opposed to a Bolt.

The Tammany Hall leaders, Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, and the delegates representing the free silver constituencies of the southern and northern tiers, have pressed themselves as diametrically opposed to a bolt, either now or later in the Fall.

Ex-Mayor Gilroy and John C. Sheehan have worked in harmony in this connection. They say that Tammany Hall must, at crisis, prove itself faithful to the Democratic party, one of the vital principles the Democracy being that the majority should rule. They have pointed out the fact that a bolt on the part of Tammany would mean the dismemberment of that organization, and the growing up of a new organization. The Tammany leaders have said, furthermore, that Tammany essentially an organization of the mass, and that, while it does not approve a free silver platform in any respect, should espouse the side of many rather than the side of the few.

and poured into his ear warm words of appreciation and regard.

Many Prominent Men.

On every side were seen the faces of distinguished men—men of national and international repute. A list of these names would be long and tedious. In the front row of the space allotted to the delegations, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island occupied the front to the left of the chairman's platform, and Alabama and Massachusetts—extremes in politics to-day, as they had been during the hottest days of the abolition period. Each Pennsylvania delegate carried a silken bag, mounted on a spear-tipped standard, and these flags later in the day had great prominence on the convention floor.

In referring to the prominent men in this convention, a reference might be made to the veterans in political and public life who had place in the press galleries to the right and left of the hall. Never before in any national convention has there been such an array of experienced men, engaged for special service of the public that draws its inspiration and information from the daily newspaper press.

Chairman Harritt stood up. He is a young man; only a few years ago he was a law student in the office of Lewis C. Cassidy; but he is a young man with a future and his career in public life will not end with his dethronement from the chairmanship of the National Committee of his political party. He possesses admirable self-control, a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure and a readiness of speech that insures him a kingdom among mankind. Every eye in the great convention hall was fixed upon him. He had the respectful attention of the multitude before he rapped for silence. In a calm, clear voice that betokened no shadow of regret for the catastrophe that was impending, he announced that the convention would be opened with prayer. He promptly intro-

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